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Tennessee Winter Wheat Production down 23 percent from 2013

<u>Tennessee</u> farmers harvested 31.4 million bushels of <u>winter wheat</u> during the summer of 2014 according to the Tennessee Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. This was down 23 percent from the previous year and down 4 percent from the August forecast. Yield is estimated at 66.0 bushels per acre, down 5.0 bushels from 2013 and down 2.0 bushels from August forecast. Farmers seeded 530,000 acres last fall, down 110,000 acres from 2013. Area harvested for grain totaled 475,000 acres. Acres for other uses totaled 55,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco, cut as hay, chopped for silage or abandoned.

Production of <u>all wheat</u> for the <u>U.S.</u> totaled 2.04 billion bushels, up slightly from the August 1 forecast and down 5 percent from 2013. Grain area totaled 46.5 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year. The United States yield is estimated at 43.8 bushels per acre, down 0.1 bushel from August 1 forecast and down 3.3 bushels from last year. The levels of production and changes from 2013 by type are winter wheat, 1.38 billion bushels, down 11 percent; other spring wheat, 601 million bushels, up 12 percent, and Durum wheat, 57.1 million bushels, down 2 percent.

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